Production, export and import of Cars

†352. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of cars in the country has been on the rise continuously during the last three years;

(b) if so, the production of cars in the years 1996-97,1997-98, 1998-99 and till the end of December, 1999;

(c) the number of cars exported during the above period separately;

(d) whether cars have also been imported during the said periods; and

(e) if so, the number of new and old cars imported during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The production of cars during 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (upto December 1999) is given below:—

Year	Production (in nos)
1996-97	411145
1997-98	401002
1998-99	390709
1999-2000 (upto Dec. 1999)	407535

(c) Export of passenger car during 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (upto December 1999) is given below:—

Year	Export (in nos)
1996-97	37161
1997-98	29705
1998-99	25464
1999-2000 (upto Dec. 1999)	14657

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Information is being collected.

CPSUs in the country

353. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Units in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of PSUs making profit/loss, unit-wise and State-wise;

(c) the reasons for their sickness, if any;

(d) the number of workers in sick PSUs, unit-wise; and

(e) the steps Government have taken or propose to take for opening of fresh such units in Himachal Pradesh in comparison to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAIRAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The number of Central PSUs in the country, State-wise are given in Appendix in of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98 which was laid in Parliament on 26.2.99 and is a published document.

(b) The number of PSUs making profit/loss are given in Statements 7A and 7B of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98, till which period the information is available.

(c) The reasons for sickness are enterprise specific. However, some of the common reasons for sickness include inherited sickness in case of taken over units from the private sector, obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilisation, excess manpower, resource crunch and erosion of net worth due to continuous losses, lack of credit worthiness, heavy interest burden, etc.

(d) The number of workers in PSUs including sick PSUs are given in Statement 13 of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98.

(e) At present there is no proposal for setting up new public sector enterprises in Himachal Pradesh.

Profits and Losses of PSUs

354. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: